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Serial No. 09/405,032		Filing Date 09/24/1999		Examiner Lil, Q.		
In Re Application of Boyle, et al.		Group Art Unit 1632				
For Osteoprotegerin						
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2003 in which Claims 61-67 and 69-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, and under obviousness type double patenting. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

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